

Abstract

A plate cleaner for a printing press includes a cleaning head and a nozzle mounted on the cleaning head for directing pressurized fluid toward the plate cylinder of the printing press. The nozzle directs the pressurized fluid at an acute angle to a tangent to the cylinder in a direction opposite to the rotation of the plate cylinder. The cleaning head is provided with a suction port for removing contamination from the plate cylinder. The nozzle is located outside of the suction port.